‘Give them a chance’

The bond between Anna Brown-Mitchell, left, of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and Chanita Dawson has grown strong as Anna has helped Chanita make a new life after Chanita served her time for a non-violent crime. (Photo by John Shaughnessy)

Prison ministry mentor helps woman, once in prison, make return to society

By John Shaughnessy

The only thing better than the birthday party that Anna Brown-Mitchell threw for Chanita Dawson is the birthday since she completed a nearly four-year sentence for committing a non-violent, drug-related crime. For Chanita, the birthday party represented what she hoped would be a new beginning to her life. “It was like a blessing,” she recalls on a recent morning in May. “I knew I had to better myself to not get in that position again.” Then there is the blessing of Anna, the 67-year-old member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. She not only threw the party for Chanita, she has also committed to being there for her as she continues to try to make a new life for herself and her two children. “That’s the gift that Chanita treasures most. Anna shows me there’s another part of life,” Chanita says. “She has faith in me. She lifts me up. She lets me know I can do things. I still have trials and tribulations every day, but I fight them.”

‘Having an open heart’

The bond between Chanita and Anna represents one of the main goals of the archdiocese’s prison ministry task force—a group that met regularly in 2016 to formulate a plan to help parishes, individuals and the archdiocese as a whole. It was also the celebration of her first birthday since she completed a nearly four-year sentence for committing a non-violent, drug-related crime.

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Archbishop Lori addresses current misperceptions about religious liberty, encourages faithful to be advocates

By Sean Gallagher

Second of two parts

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will meet from June 14-15 in Indianapolis for its annual spring general assembly. One of the questions that the bishops will consider will be to make its Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty a permanent committee.

Archbishop William E. Lori has led the committee since it was established in 2011. During that time, he has often been a public advocate on various political issues affecting religious liberty.

But he noted in the first of a two-part interview with The Criterion last week that the more foundational work of the committee is “winning people’s minds and hearts for their faith,” something that he said will lead to people demanding that the government do a better job of respecting religious liberty.

In part two of the interview, Archbishop Lori, who was raised in New Albany, Ind., reflects on misperceptions in the broader culture and among some Catholics about religious liberty and advocacy for it, and the relationship between the struggle for religious freedom in the U.S. and in other countries around the world. He also gives practical advice to Catholics on how they can learn more about religious liberty and become advocates for it.

The following is an edited version of that interview.

Q. There are many Catholics who think that the Church’s attention on religious liberty is either misplaced or overstated. And others among the faithful go so far as to agree with the view of many in the broader culture that the talk of religious liberty is just scare cover for bigotry.

What case would you make for the Church’s advocacy for religious liberty in our society to the faithful who hold such views?

A. “First of all, I think that, among church-going Catholics, religious liberty is just scant cover for bigotry. In fact, it is the opposite. The case is overwhelming.”
Pope announces new cardinals from Mali, Spain, Sweden, Laos, Salvador

By Sean Gallagher

The pope has announced 21 new cardinals from around the world, including five from the United States. The new cardinals will be appointed by Pope Francis on June 28. The new cardinals are:

- Rev. Robert Rohesio, pastor of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Rome, elected as cardinal by the pope on May 21, 2017.
- Rev. Juan José Valdes, associate pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, elected as cardinal by the pope on May 21, 2017.
- Rev. Jegan Peter, associate pastor of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsville, elected as cardinal by the pope on May 21, 2017.

The pope also prayed that “with their witness and their counsel,” the new cardinals would “support me more intensely in my service as bishop of Rome, pastor of the universal Church.”

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whole make an even deeper commitment to prison ministry.

The archdiocese sees the critical value of helping people as they re-enter society after being imprisoned, says Lynne Weissenbach, the chairperson of the task force and a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis.

A key element of this goal involves working with companies to provide employment opportunities.

“Without a job, it is nearly impossible to establish a new life and become productive citizens. However, nearly 75 percent of Hoosier employers are reluctant or simply refuse to hire ex-offenders,” the task force’s final report noted. “When such individuals are unemployed, their chances of returning to prison are 60 percent.”

Another emphasis focuses on establishing connections with parishes and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide material needs to assist people during this time.

And, perhaps most importantly, there’s the focus of training members of the archdiocese as potential mentors to help people make the transition from prison to re-entering society.

That emphasis has been embraced by Anna.

“I try to make a difference in my sphere of life,” she says. “We just spent a lot of time reading about the [Holy] Year of Mercy. Being a Christian is about having an open heart. It’s about helping—especially as mentors to those making the transition from prison to society.

For more information about this day of prayer, support and education from experts in corrections ministry, contact Deacon Michael Braun at mbraun@archindy.org.
Religious liberty in America and the Fortnight for Freedom

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Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori offers a history of the sacrifices made by SS. Thomas More and John Fisher for the freedom of religion and the Fo...
While she didn’t offer details of the president’s plan, she did add, “If a state doesn’t want to participate, that would be a terrible mistake on their part. They will be hurting the children and families who can least afford it.”

About 34,000 students in Indiana attend private schools through the state’s school-choice program. About 8,000 of the 24,000 students who attend the 69 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are there because of school choice. And 97 percent of the 255 students at Providence Cristo Rey are there through Indiana’s voucher program.

DeVos came to Providence Cristo Rey as the high school marks its 10th year of existence. She met with students, staff and stakeholders of the private school.

According to people who were there for her meeting with stakeholders of the school, DeVos said she admired the approach of the school and wanted to learn more about the national network of 32 Cristo Rey Catholic schools that has about 11,000 students across the country.

During that meeting, DeVos heard from Jane Genster, president and chief executive officer of the Cristo Rey national network of schools.

“We are honored that the secretary of education wants to come to our schools and see what we’re doing,” Genster said after the meeting. “Our schools are deeply connected with their communities through the work-study program. That sense of community is very a Catholic quality.”

DeVos also heard from Providence Sister Dawn Tomaszewski. The superior general of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods told the secretary that the Archdiocese of Indianapolis had come to the Providence Sister Dawn Tomaszewski told the secretary that the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Notre Dame.

“We knew we could make an impact on the lives of children who are economically challenged,” Sister Dawn said. “They’re learning about God, and they have hope, and they have faith.”

DeVos also heard from Montanea Daniels, a member of the first graduating class of Providence Cristo Rey, who is now a member of the school’s board of directors and a biologist for Eli Lilly & Co., in Indianapolis.

“This school changed my life,” Daniels said.

That theme echoed through DeVos’ visit to Providence Cristo Rey. When school president Joseph Heidt and school principal Brian Dinkins led her on a tour of the school, they stopped in a science class. After observing a lesson, DeVos asked the students if any of them wanted to talk about their experience at the school. Three did, offering such glowing praise that Dinkins joked that he would have to buy them lunch.

While DeVos didn’t take questions from the media during her visit, she repeatedly showed her interest and engagement by asking questions of the teachers and the students she met that morning.

“Does working a day a week make a difference in your education?” she asked at one point.

“How many of you have learned through your work experience that you wanted to do something different?”

Her easygoing interaction relaxed the six seniors who were chosen to share brief presentations about the impact that their work-study programs had on their confidence, their career choices and their lives.

Precious Mayfield and Froylan Avila were part of that group. So were Marlene Amador, Brandon Hernandez, Amaureca Williams-Bradley and Cheick Diallo.

They are part of a class that will graduate on May 25 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. They are part of a class of 11 students who have earned college scholarships, students who have been accepted to Ball State University, Indiana University, Purdue University, the University of Indianapolis and the University of Notre Dame.

After listening to their presentations, DeVos told the students three questions she wanted them to think about during their visit:

• How many of you have learned through your work experience that you wanted to do something different?

• Does working a day a week make a difference in your education?

• Take advantage of the opportunity because it really is life-changing.”

Cheick smiled at the secretary of education and said, “Take advantage of the opportunity because it really is life-changing.”

(For more information about Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis, go to www.pcrhs.org)
May 29
Our Lady of Peace Cemetery and Mausoleum, 9901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. Memorial Day Mass, 10 a.m. Information: 317-545-7681 or www.catholiccemeteries.com.


May 30
SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. Annual Memorial Day Service, 8:45 a.m. patriotic music, 9 a.m. Mass followed by outdoor service, reception to follow. Information: Sue LaRue, 317-859-4673.

June 2
Women’s Center, 4901 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. First Friday Mass, 6:30 p.m. Information, registration: 317-993-5026.

June 3
SS. Peter and Paul Catholic chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Lumen Dei Catholic Business Group, 6:30 a.m. Mass, 7:15-8:30 a.m. breakfast at Lincoln Square Pancake House, 2320 S. College Ave., arriving 6:45 a.m. Information: 317-435-1347 or lumen.dei@comcast.net.

June 4
Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Indianapolis. Mass and prayers for reconciliation, 5:45-6:45 p.m.; Blessed Sacrament, 5:30 p.m.; Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., arriving 6:45 a.m. Information: 317-357-8352.

June 5
St. Michael Church, 145 St. Michael Blvd., Brookville. First Saturday Marian Devotional Prayer Group, Mass, prayers, rosary, confession, meditation, 8 a.m. Information: 765-647-5462.

June 6
St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Library, 7755 N. Holland Dr. E., Indianapolis. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Secular Franciscan Fraternity Open House. Introduction into the life of a secular Franciscan, formation and profession, following Sunday, 8:15 a.m. Information: 317-364-6206 or macheninn@opcal.org.

June 7
St. Mary Queen of Peace Church, 1005 W. Main St., Danville. Sacred Heart and prayers for reconciliation, 5:45-6:45 p.m.; Blessed Sacrament following Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mass, celebration of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, 8:15 a.m. Information: 317-643-1070.

July 5
Women’s Care Center, 4901 E. 60th St., Indianapolis. Serra Club Mass for Traditional Latin Mass, 7:45 a.m. Information: 317-545-7681, Ext. 107.

June 8

June 11
St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Ind. Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mt. St. Francis. Mount St. Francis: An Experience of Monasticism in the Twenty-First Century: A View from the Trenches, Dr. Timothy Heck, 6-8 p.m., free and open to the public, registration required for ages 13 and older. Information: 317-357-8352.

June 12

June 14

June 18

June 20
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. St. Meinrad, Terre Haute Helpers of God’s Precious Infants, 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, 59 Allendale, Terre Haute. 8:45 a.m. car pool from St. Patrick Parish, 1807 Poplar St., Terre Haute, to Bloomington Planned Parenthood, 421 S. College Ave., arriving 10:15 a.m., return to St. Patrick Parish around noon. Information: Tom McBroom, 812-841-0060, greenroom, tomni@gmail.com.

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June 24
St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Ind. Monastery Immaculate Conception, Kordes Hall, 8:15 a.m., Ferdinand (Evansville Diocese), Private and Personal Retreat, 7 p.m. Sun., through 10 a.m. the following Sunday, $575 includes meals and private room. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, www.thecomde.org/events. Information: 812-387-1441.

June 25

June 26

June 27

June 28

June 29

June 30

Events Calendar
For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/events.

Deadline to register for youth choir camps in Indianapolis is June 2

Two Archdiocese of Indianapolis youth choir camps for singers of all experience levels will be offered at Roncalli High School, 3300 Prague Road, in Indianapolis, on June 12-23. These fast-paced, fun and faith-filled choral experiences will focus on improving singing and performance techniques, growing in the faith and having fun with new friends.

An eight-session camp for the Youth Schola for students entering grades 2-4 will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on June 12-16 and June 19-23.

A four-session camp for the Children’s Schola for students entering grades 2-4 will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. on June 19-23.

Both camps culminate in a joint concert at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis, on June 6 at 7 p.m.

The cost is $75 for the Youth Schola and $50 for the Children’s Schola. The deadline to register is June 2.

Further information and registration materials can be requested by e-mailing archindyvoschoir@gmail.com.
**The astonishing depth of God’s love for us**

In his traditional Easter message, “Urbi et Orbi” (to the city and the world), Pope Francis said:

“Today, throughout the world, the Church echoes once more the astonishing message of the first disciples: ‘Jesus is risen!’—He is truly risen, as he said!”

“By his resurrection, Jesus Christ has set us free from the slavery of sin and death, and has opened before us the way to eternal life.

“All of us, when we let ourselves be mastered by sin, lose the right way and end up straying like lost sheep. But God himself, our shepherd, has come in search of us. To save us, he lowered himself even to accepting death on the cross. Today we can proclaim: ‘The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.’

“What is astonishing, of course, is the depth of God’s love for us. We certainly did not do (and do not) deserve the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. We were lost, because of our refusal to follow his way. We were enslaved because we freely chose to ‘let ourselves be mastered by sin.’ We were like sheep without a shepherd, and the Good Shepherd willingly died for us so that we might find eternal life. What Jesus did for us happened 2,000 years ago, but the experience is repeated daily. As Pope Francis explains:

“In every age, the Risen Shepherd tirelessly seeks us, his brothers and sisters, wandering in the deserts of this world. With the marks of the passion—the wounds of his merciful love—he draws us to follow him on his way, the way of life. Today too, he places upon his shoulders so many of our brothers and sisters crushed by evil in all its varied forms.

“The Risen Shepherd goes in search of all those lost in the labyrinths of loneliness and marginalization. He comes to meet them through our brothers and sisters who speak with the voice of God.

“Today too, he places upon his shoulders so many of our brothers and sisters crushed by evil in all its varied forms. The Risen Shepherd seeks us out here in Indiana or wherever we may be. Whether we are in urban centers, small towns or rural areas, the Good Shepherd is present. He comes to meet us, as Pope Francis says, through the people who treat us with respect and kindness and who speak with the voice of God.

“Our archdiocese is blessed with parish communities spread throughout our 39 counties. In our celebration of the Easter mystery during the past six weeks, we have re-committed ourselves to being the welcoming and merciful voice of God in our communities. Inspired by Pope Francis’s teaching on mercy—and the joy of the Gospel—we have worked hard at treating others with kindness and respect, especially strangers in our midst.

“This is the work that our Risen Lord has commanded us to carry out in his name. He challenges all of us “to help all those victimized by competition in a world of slavery, inhuman labor, illegal trafficking, exploitation and discrimination, and grave forms of addiction.”

“In his endless mercy, the pope says, “[Christ] takes upon himself children and adolescents deprived of their carefree innocence and exploited, and those deeply hurt by acts of violence that take place within the walls of communities and countries.

“And especially in our day, “The Risen Shepherd walks beside all those forced to leave their homelands as a result of armed conflicts and armed and oppressive regimes. Everywhere he helps these forced migrants to encounter brothers and sisters, with whom they can share bread and hope on their journey.”

“The challenge for us is the same as it was for the first disciples. Where will we find the courage and the stamina to be Christ for others, especially those who are most vulnerable and in need of our help?”

“Now that the joyful season of Easter is drawing to a close, we naturally turn our attention to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The fact is that we are begging the mercy that God’s Spirit brings. And so, we pray: Come Holy Spirit. Enflame our hearts with your good zeal so that we may boldly and confidently proclaim the astonishing message of the first disciples, “Jesus is risen. He is truly risen as he said! Alleluia!”

(Daniel Conway is a member of The Criterion’s editorial committee.)

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**El rostro de la misericordia**

**Daniel Conway**

En su tradicional mensaje pascual titulado “Urbi et Orbi” (“Para la ciudad y el mundo”), el papa Francisco expresó:

“¡Hoy, en todo el mundo, la Iglesia renuncia a la tranquilidad asombroso de los primeros discípulos: “Jesús ha resucitado!” –Era verdad, ha resucitado el Señor y viene al encuentro de su iglesia con la resurrección, Jesús nos ha liberado de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte y nos ha abierto el camino de la vida eterna."

“Todos nosotros, cuando nos dejamos dominar por el pecado, perdemos el buen camino y vamos errantes como ovejas perdidas. Pero Dios mismo, nuestro Pastor, ha venido a buscarnos, y para salvarnos se ha abajado hasta la humillación de la cruz. Y hoy podemos proclamar: “Ha resucitado el Buen Pastor que dio la vida por sus ovejas y se dignó morir por su gracia. Aleluya.”

“Evidentemente, lo que resulta absurdo es la profundidad del amor de Dios por nosotros. Ciertamente no merecemos (ni merecen) el sacrificio que Jesús hizo por nosotros; estábamos perdidos por haber nos negado a seguir su camino. Estábamos esclavizados porque elegimos libremente dejarnos “dominar por el pecado.” Éramos como ovejas sin pastor y el Buen Pastor murió voluntariamente por nosotros para que pudiéramos encontrar el camino de regreso a él. Lo nuestro lo dice el Señor: “Aquí está el camino, el camino de la vida eterna.”

“El Pastor Resucitado va a buscar a quien está perdido en los laberintos de la soledad y de la marginación; va a su encuentro mediante hermanos y hermanas que saben acercarse a esas personas con respeto y ternura y les hace sentir su voz, una voz que no se olvida, que los convoca de nuevo a la amistad con Dios.”

El Pastor Resucitado nos busca en Indiana o dondequiera que nos encontremos, ya sea que estemos en centros urbanos, en pequeños poblados o en comunidades rurales, Cristo está presente. Viene a nuestro encuentro—como lo dice el papa Francisco—a través de las personas que nos tratan con respeto y bondad, y que hablan con la voz de Dios.

Nuestra Arquidiócesis tiene la bendición de contar con comunidades parroquiales en los 39 condados que componen nuestra Diócesis; y de los hermanos y las hermanas que nos acompañan en nuestra camino, el camino de la vida eterna. También hoy, él toma sobre sus hombros a tantos hermanos nuestros operados por tantas clases de mal.

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“Las heridas de su amor misericordioso—necesitamos desesperadamente los dones de la Iglesia de ser un signo de la presencia de Dios para el mundo, especialmente para los más vulnerables y que necesitan nuestra ayuda.”

Ahora que la alegría de la temporada de la Pascua se acerca a su final, queremos naturalmente dirigirnos nuestra atención a la venida del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. El hecho es que necesitamos desesperadamente los dones de la Iglesia de ser un signo de la presencia de Dios para el mundo, especialmente para los más vulnerables y que necesitan nuestra ayuda.

“El Pastor Resucitado se hace compañero de camino de quienes se ven obligados a dejar la propia tierra a causa de los conflictos armados, de los ataques terroristas, de las carestías, de los regímenes opresivos. A estos emigrantes forced us to leave the homes of our ancestors, forced us to leave our communities: We have come to search for the bread of life; we have come to sing to the Lord’s name. "I pray to the dead and wounded and renew my appeal that the weapons be silenced, and that the goodwill of dialogue would prevail to give the country peace and development," he said.

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**Pope Francis offers prayers for Central African Republic, Catholics in China**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis prayed for an end to armed conflicts between predominantly Christian and predominantly Muslim populations in the Central African Republic that have led to the deaths of innocent civilians and forced thousands to flee.**

“I am close to the population as well as the bishops and all those who work for the good of the people and for peaceful coexistence,” the pope said after reciting the “Regina Coeli” prayer at noon on May 21 with visitors gathered in St. Peter’s Square.

“Clashes between the mostly MuslimSeleka rebels and the mostly Christian anti-Balaka militia took a turn for the worse in the eastern town of Bria on May 20. According to the Reuters news agency, 22 people, including 17 civilians, were killed, and 10,000 people were forced to flee their homes. 

“UN peacekeepers have reinforced the town and the neighboring towns of Bangassou and Alindao, two cities recently struck by violent skirmishes. The pope urged both sides to end the violent clashes that “threaten the peace process.”

“I pray for the dead and wounded and renew my appeal that the weapons be silenced, and that the goodwill of dialogue would prevail to give the country peace and development,” he said.

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**By Daniel Conway**

(from Pope Francis’ papal bull “Misericordiae Vultus”)
May 27
St. John the Baptist Parish, 813 G St., Bluffton. Banquet, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. $25. Silent auction. 765-973-7649.
May 28
St. Michael Parish, 1210 E. Main St., Plainfield. Parish Festival, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. $5 for adults, $5 for children, $10 for family of 4. Information: 317-872-4136.
June 16
St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. 3rd St., Bloomington. Annual Picnic, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. $15 per family. Banquet. 812-337-4861.
June 17-18
June 23-24
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., Charlestown. Festival: 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., rides, games, 50/50 raffle, music, auction. Information: 812-357-9832.
July 15-16
All Saints Parish, Dearborn County, St. Johns Baptist Church, 526 N. Main St., Spencerville. Festival: 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., $10 per person. All proceeds to go toward road resurfacing project. 812-234-6219.
July 16-17
St. Joseph’s in Sunseltown, Decatur County, St. James the Apostle Church, 204 S. 2nd St., Greensburg. Festival: 9 a.m.-9 p.m., rides, games, food, auction. 812-663-7474.
July 30
St. Mary Parish, 211 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis. Festival, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., entertainment, American and Latin food, games, prizes. Information: 317-637-3961.
July 7-8
St. Benedict Parish, 111 N. 9th St., Terre Haute. Carnival Festival, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. music, games, carnival food, food booths, draw for $10,000, 50/50 raffle, silent auction for $500. Information: 812-236-8441.
July 18-19
Immaculate Conception Parish, 201 E. 22nd St., Greensburg. Festival: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., rides, games, food, auction, 50/50 raffle. Information: 812-623-5722 or 812-623-5032.
August 6
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St. Mary Parish, 611 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. Mary, Immaculate Conception Parish, 201 E. 22nd St., Greensburg. Festival: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., rides, games, food, auction. 812-623-5722 or 812-623-5032.
August 26-27
St. Francis of Assisi, 1331 E. Hawaii Robins Way, Greenwood. Festival, 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 317-627-3553.
September 1-3
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September 10-11
St. Michael Parish, 145 S. Michael Blvd., Brownsburg. Festival, Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., rides, games, food, live music. Information: 317-569-5837.
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St. Joseph the Worker Church, 4773 E. Morse Church, 500 N. Major Boulevard, Zionsville. Festival, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., rides, games, food, live music, silent auction. Information: 317-569-5837.
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October 25
St. Germain Parish Picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Floyds Fork, 5 p.m.-7 p.m., rides, games, food, live music, silent auction. Information: 317-925-0311.
October 27-29
St. Michael Parish, 145 S. Michael Blvd., Brownsburg. Festival, Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., rides, games, food, live music, silent auction. Information: 317-569-5837.
November 2
St. Anthony Parish, 315 Oakland Road, Indianapolis. Festival, Fri. 5 p.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., “Hansel and Gretel: In the Woods,” children’s games, pumpkin patch. Information: 317-626-6000.
November 2-3
St. Anthony Parish, 373 N. Warren Ave., Indianapolis. Crusaders of the American Revolution, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. $5 for adults, $2 for children, games, cakes, raffle, silent auction. Information: 317-637-4878.
November 9-10
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November 15-16
St. Mark Parish, 630 S. Moorefield Rd., Indianapolis. Festival, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., rides, games, food, live music, silent auction. Information: 317-569-4302.
November 18-19
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 4621 S. Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis. Festival, Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m., rides, games, silent auction. Information: 317-881-2695.
November 28-30
St. Mark Parish, 141 N. Latele Dr., Franklin. Festival, Sat. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., rides, games, food, live music, silent auction. Information: 317-546-4065.
Pope, Church leaders offer prayers after Manchester Arena attack

MANCHESTER, England (CNS)—Pope Francis decried the “barbaric attack” on concertgoers in Manchester, adding his voice to Catholic leaders dismayed at what British officials said was the deadliest case of terrorism there since 2005.

In a telegram sent to Church officials on Pope Francis’ behalf, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said the pope “was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and tragic loss of life” after a suicide bomb killed at least 22 people and injured another 59 at Manchester Arena on May 22. Many concertgoers at the Ariana Grande concert were teenagers, young adults and families.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack. Police identified 22-year-old Salman Abedi as the bomber.

The pope “expresses his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this senseless act of violence,” the telegram said, as he “commends the generous efforts of the emergency and security personnel and offers the assurance of his prayers for the injured, and for all who have died.

“Mindful in a particular way of those children and young people who have lost their lives, and of their grieving families, Pope Francis invokes God’s blessings of peace, healing and strength upon the nation.”

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“Let us also keep in our prayer the police and emergency services, together with all hospital staff and chaplains,” he said in his letter.

The bishop added: “Together with Church and religious leaders in Greater Manchester, I ask the prayers of your parishioners for peace and solidarity in all our communities, that the hate which inspires such indiscriminate violence may be overcome by that love which faith and prayer inspires in our hearts. I hope the days ahead, overshadowed by this atrocity, will lead us all to such prayer and active charity”

On Holy Land trip, President Trump visits Holy Sepulcher and Western Wall

JERUSALEM (CNS)—Following his official welcoming ceremony at the Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, U.S. President Donald J. Trump began his two-day visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories with a private visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Western Wall.

Details of the visits to the holy sites had been a carefully guarded secret until the last moment, but from early on May 22 the alleys of the Old City were closed to both residents and tourists, Pope Francis invoked God’s blessings of peace, healing and strength upon the nation.

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crowds at the Manchester Arena.

On May 23, Trump met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Bethlehem, West Bank, and told him, “If the Israelis and Palestinians can make peace, it will

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God uses food to strengthen bodies and nourish souls

By Nancy Wiechec

Probably no one has expressed the place of food in life better than American writer and gastronome Mary Frances Kennedy Fisher.

“First we eat, then we do everything else.”

From a spiritual point of view, Catholics might say, first the Eucharist, then everything else.

Food is sustenance first and foremost. We need it to nourish our body. But it is also ritual and heritage. Food connects us to our beliefs, our communities and our ancestors.

From the important Jewish Passover to the fall of Taco Tuesday, humans have made food central to human celebration and socialization.

Christians are called to treat food like all of God’s gifts, with respect and gratitude, and to avoid overindulgence and waste. Yet temptations abound!

How many will admit they want to try each and every flavor of Kettle Brand potato chips? Yep, your hand is up. Who can resist the maple-bacon flavored ones?

Americans eat too much, and not enough of the right foods, according to the U.S. government office that tracks our nation’s overall health. We tend to pick processed packaged foods over fresh produce, meats and dairy.

The average daily calorie intake for Americans is around 3,770—much higher than the recommended average of about 2,000 calories per day for women and 2,400 for men. More than half of Americans have preventable, diet-related chronic diseases.

Worldwide, 800 million people are chronically hungry.

Systems of production, distribution and consumption fall short when food is viewed from a global perspective.

About one-third of all food produced for humans is lost or wasted, according the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

“When food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of poor, from the hungry,” Pope Francis has observed.

He called hunger and maltreatment in the world a scandal, and has asked all people to reflect on the problem of wasted food and to identify ways to address it.

To kick start your hunger awareness and ways you can help, check in with Catholic Relief Services or your local chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They are experts at what it takes to beat back hunger.

Although we must eat, we also must try to avert waste. As Figaro-food writer Frances Willsey once wrote: “Or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of man is satisfied, even if everyone who is hungry were fed by his or her own labor or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of man would still exist… therefore, I say: Come, all you, to Christ.

Christ is the bread of life. Come to Christ, and you will never be hungry again.”

Catholics come to the altar to receive the body and blood of Christ, to be one with him and to be one with each other, his followers, the community of faithful. We are sent to go into the world and share that gift of Christ. In all that is asked of us, we can savor in a few small practices to be more conscious of temporal and spiritual hunger.

We can pause after Communion to pray for all who hunger, asking God that they too might be filled with the grace of God through Christ Jesus.

Likewise, when feeling hunger pangs or simple cravings, let’s sit still for a moment, recall God’s gifts and be thankful for his Son and everlasting life.

That bag of chips can wait.

(Nancy Wiechec served on the Catholic News Service staff for nearly 20 years. Follow her on Twitter: @nancywiechec.)

A man sits down to a meal at the St. Vincent de Paul Society dining room in Phoenix in this 2016 photo. Food connects us to our beliefs, our communities and our ancestors. (By Nancy Wiechec)
In October of 1993, I went to Guatemala with the organization Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CICA). Founded by Bob Hentzen, it provides a model of how one dedicated person can make a difference in the world. He died in 2013 at age 77, but now it’s called Unbound. Then as now, it supports missionaries working in poor and needy in developing countries. It programs in 20 countries, 15 in this hemisphere and five in Asia and Africa.

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St. Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians. This reading is a prayer that all Christians might find true wisdom. True wisdom resides only in the Lord. Earthly wisdom can be faulty and indeed often is.

For the last reading, the Church gives us a lesson from St. Matthew’s Gospel. Again, the status of the Apostles is the point. The Apostles are with Jesus. They see and hear the risen Lord. Jesus tells them to go into the world. They should take the Good News to every nation. They should bring all humanity into God’s family by baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This last instruction from Jesus is a clear and direct revelation of the Holy Trinity.

Reflection

The Church, having proclaimed the resurrection, now calls us to look at ourselves and our times. Christ still is with it, the Church declares emphatically. As the bond between Luke and Acts tells us, the gift of salvation, perfected in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, is open to all, here and now, and throughout all time and space.

Jesus did not just live 20 centuries ago. He still lives. He still gives life, blessing us, forgiving us, and taking us home to heaven. Jesus is with us, even after the Ascension.

He is with us now in the Church, because the Church stands on the foundation laid long ago by the Apostles. It received the message of Jesus from them. It received from them the commission to reach out to everyone with the blessings of salvation.

From them, it has received the power to forgive sin and to bestow the new life of grace. From them, it received the sacraments now offered to us.

The Church brings us to Jesus, and it brings Jesus to us. As St. Paul tells us, the source of truth is in Jesus alone.

We are not dragged, kicking and screaming to Jesus, however. We must turn to Jesus willingly and totally because we humbly realize our need for Jesus.

The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension of the Lord was heard recently in the Catholic press that representatives of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) had written a letter in support of the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act. That legislation would protect social service agencies who refuse, on religious grounds, to provide adoption services for same-sex couples. Does that mean that the Catholic Church is opposed to such adoptions? (New York)

In 2003, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said that adoption by same-sex couples could not be facilitated by the Church because such an arrangement brings about “the absence of sexual complementarity in these unions creates obstacles in the normal development of children.” They would be deprived of the experience of either fatherhood or motherhood.”

In 2010, when Pope Francis was still Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Argentina, he noted that adoption by same-sex couples would result in “depriving [children] of the human growth that God wills for them given by a father and a mother.”

In 2015, following a gay pride march in Rome, Pope Francis repeated his belief that children need a mother and a father. The identity of children, said the pope, matters [when it is] confronted with the love their father and mother have, confronted with this difference.

The 2017 statement by the USCCB to which your question refers stemmed from the fact that in recent years Catholic Charities agencies in Massachusetts, Illinois, California and the District of Columbia had been forced by the government to shut down their adoption and foster care service because they refused, on religious grounds, to place children with same-sex couples.

The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act, now before both houses of Congress, would prohibit discrimination against such agencies, and allow them to continue their work without being compelled to violate their consciences.

My question has to do with the role of a deacon. Our own parish deacon had been preaching at our weekend Masses once a month, but lately that has crept up to twice a month. Recently, he preached the homily at Masses on Easter Sunday and also on the following Sunday, which happened to be first Communion in our parish. Our pastor is young and, as far as I know, healthy. Is it normal for a deacon to play such a large role so frequently, especially on such important occasions? (City of origin withheld)

There is no exact guideline as to the frequency of a deacon’s preaching. That having been said, I think that your concern stands on good ground.

Deacons are authorized to preach by the Church’s Code of Canon Law. Canon 764 says that “presbyters [priests] and deacons possess the faculty of preaching everywhere.”

And while that canon expresses no preference or priority, the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal,” which provide the Church’s norms for celebrating the Eucharist, clearly does. It states that “the homily should only be given by the priest celebrant himself or be entrusted by him to a concelebrating priest, or from the time to time and if, appropriate, to the deacon” (866).

To your question, for a deacon to preach regularly two Sundays a month, in my mind, runs counter to this provision. I also think that, although there is no rule on this, parishioners expect and deserve to hear from their pastor for such major celebrations as Easter and first Communion.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdolyle@gmail.com and 20 Columbia Circle Dr. Albany, New York 12203.)
“Our point in successive Fortnights for Freedom has been that we are seeking not some privilege for the Church, but rather, we are seeking only the freedom to serve according to our conviction. It’s not simply freedom of worship, but it’s a freedom to order your whole life and your professional life as well around your faith and your convictions. And it’s also the freedom of Church institutions to follow the teaching of the Church.

“I think that the teachings of the Church are good, life-giving, truthful and beautiful, you will also think that they are not just for the Church, but for us as people. And it also unlocks for the Church the ability to serve according to our own lights, recognizing that other people are going to provide similar goods and services very differently. “We should be able to have that kind of legitimate diversity in a democracy. That’s also what freedom is all about.”

Q. Do you have either any practical or spiritual advice to Catholics to continue advancing the cause of religious liberty at this particular time when people might think that we have an administration that’s more friendly toward religious freedom, and they don’t feel that they have to do as much?

A. “There is no room for complacency. We have a lot of work to do. “And we need to continue to pursue that work in a very determined fashion—civilly, politely, but in a very determined way. “One of the reasons that we always have the Fortnight for Freedom, which takes place from June 21 to July 4, is to give people an opportunity to study about religious freedom in general, to study the issues and be updated, and to pray for religious liberty at home and abroad.

“This year, our theme is ‘freedom for mission.’ It’s the freedom to do the full mission of the Church, which is the faith, the teaching, the sacraments and serving those in need. They’re all linked together.

“There are many, many resources on the USCCB website [www.usccb.org] for religious freedom, praying about it and understanding it. I would urge people to go there.

(To read part one of this interview with Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, go to www.CriterionOnline.com)
Spring is a time of both renewal and thanksgiving for me. The recent celebration of Easter Sunday was a wonderful reminder of the superabundance of life that is promised by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ so that we might have new life in him. Certainly, there is no greater reason to feel renewed and give thanks. However, I have another.

Springtime is also when the Archdiocese of Indianapolis shows its appreciation for our Legacy Society, a group of individuals who have made a sacrificial commitment to support the future of our archdiocese’s parishes, schools and ministries through a will, trust or other planned gift.

This year, there is extra call for celebration because the archdiocese is recognizing the Legacy Society together with the United Catholic Appeal’s Miter Society (those who annually give $1,500 or more to fund current needs and missions). This month, both groups are being honored regionally in an event called “The Circle of Giving—a Mass and Celebration.”

The circle represents two types of charitable giving: giving to meet the Church’s needs of today (annual gifts to the United Catholic Appeal), and giving to meet the Church’s future needs (establishing an endowment with the Catholic Community Foundation through a will, trust, beneficiary designation or other planned gift). Together, these two types of giving create a full circle of generosity and sacrifice.

The first of these Circle of Giving evenings was held on May 4 at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, where we celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception. A second Mass and reception was held on May 25 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Church in Floyd County. Whenever I attend events like these, I can’t help but be moved by the generous hearts of these donors. They are truly doing God’s work by being good stewards with their resources and his Church. This spring, please join me in thanking them for making sure God’s work continues to be done today and in the future.

If you’re inspired by “The Circle of Giving—a Mass and Celebration,” and wish to become involved yourself, you don’t have to pick one group over the other. You can pick both. Create your own circle of giving. Make an annual gift to the United Catholic Appeal, and set up an endowment with the Catholic Community Foundation to support the future needs for your archdiocesan parish, school or ministry.

Our team at the Catholic Community Foundation is always here to help. Reach out to me by e-mail at jfeltz@archindy.org or by phone at 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1482, or 317-236-1482. Until next month, may God bless and protect you.

Joanna Feltz, J.D., is director of planned giving for the Catholic Community Foundation in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and consultant to the law firm Woods, Weintraub, Mitchell, Redlich & Gadwaith PLLC. For more information about planned giving, log on to www.archindy.org/plannedgiving. Tax information or legal information provided herein is not intended as tax or legal advice and cannot be relied on to avoid statutory penalties. Always check with your legal, tax and financial advisors before implementing any gift plan.

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Interested candidates are asked to e-mail a cover letter, resume, and list of references, in confidence, to:

Ed Isaksen, Director, Human Resources 1400 N. Meridian Street • Indianapolis, IN 46202
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St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church has an opening for a full-time Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry. The primary goal of the position is to develop and oversee a Youth Ministry program for teens in the parish in grades 9-12 and oversee and ensure Confirmation preparation.

**Qualifications:**

• Bachelor’s degree in Theology/Religious Studies or equivalent
• Experience in a parish youth ministry program, prefer 2+ years in a paid position
• Demonstrated skills in program organization and administration
• Practices a deep prayer life rooted in regular participation in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church
• Willingness to work a very flexible schedule (many evenings and weekends required) while also holding regular office hours during the week
• Prefers working in a collaborative, creative process within a team
• Ecclesial Lay Minister Certification and/or Certificate in Youth Ministry (or willingness to pursue)

Applicants are encouraged to show their interest as soon as possible. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to:

Sandy Schroder
St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church
11441 Hague Road • Fishers, IN 46038
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Trump nominates Callista Gingrich ambassador to Vatican

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